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From left to right Ken Lawson—Past Grand Master Keith Dreier—Grand Senior Warden Stan Robinson—Master Suburban Lodge #740 Rick Ballinger—Grand Marshall

 \mathbf{M} y Brothers it is with a heartfelt thanks and a great deal of gratitude that I accepted the vote of my Brothers last night to finish this year as your Master. The untimely loss of our Master, Don Hill, left us all saddened and heavy hearted. I know Don had great plans for this year and he had worked tirelessly to complete the work upon his Trestle Board. As he is missed, and will continue to be, I will attempt to fill in the void left by a "true" Mason. Brother Don always answered the call when there was a job to be done.

With the aid of Almighty God and your assistance, we will continue the tradition of Suburban Masonic Lodge # 740 by being a "Light within the community". The officers of "OUR" Lodge were elected to carry on a tradition and to serve the "Craft" to the best of our ability. Sometimes lose sight of our positions in our organization and need to be reminded of our obligations. I sincerely hope that I will lead our Lodge in the right direction. I will finish this article by reiterating, I was elected to serve my Lodge, not be served.

Thank you Brothers, one and all,

Stan Robinson



From the Senior Warden Bill Harvey, Sr.

By now each of you know that Suburban Lodge will be having an election for Master (and any other

offices that may open up) on June 1st. As of this article, the outcome will be unknown but I know that you and your Lodge brothers will have made a wise decision on whom you want to lead our Lodge for the rest of the year. In the mean time, Bro. Stan Robinson has graciously agreed to serve in the East for me, your Acting Master, as I cannot be at each meeting due to work constraints. He, as usual, has done a great job leading our Lodge. Thank you Bro. Stan, for the many hours you have provided Suburban Lodge after the death of Master Don Hill.

Some have asked me why I did not place myself, as Senior Warden, up for election as Master for the rest of the year. Well, as I have told many, God willing, I hope to be retired next year, and would like to devote my year to visitation and the work of the Lodge. There is no greater honor than being elected Master of Suburban Lodge, and hopefully this will happen for me in 2007. I am looking forward to many interesting and fun things to happen here on the corner next year. Hopefully, we can have some educational times for all present.

We recently had 3 brothers receive their Fellow Craft degree after having shown they were proficient in the EA degree. It sure is good to see new, young brothers coming along and taking their rightful place in the Masonic Order. We do appreciate brothers who demit from other lodges, but we also love to have brand new brothers who have decided to join the largest fraternal organization in the world.

Did you know that before one can serve as a Warden or Master they are required by Ky Grand Lodge to have their Master Mason proficiency? We are working very hard to get all our officers proficient so they can serve as officers in Suburban Lodge. This is a lot of work on top of learning to do degree work, but it is being done. I want to thank these officers for working extra hard to be up to snuff because being an officer at Suburban Lodge requires more than just showing up and doing the opening and closing of the Lodge. It requires a dedication to our Lodge, our Fraternity and a respect for all the officers who, over 100 years, have dedicated several years of their lives to make this a better world through their hard work and service.

I hope each of you are in good health and doing well in life. Suburban Lodge is here to serve you and hopefully



From the Junior Warden Wayne Carby

Where to begin, lets start off with who won the fishing outfit. It

was our own Paul Jones (that lucky guy) he was all smiles when he came to the social club on March 29th to pick up the rod and reel, and yes we are now several months into the social club fish fry. So come on by on any given Saturday here at the lodge hall, and join us for some of that good old fashion green river style fish.

On June 24^h from 11:00 am till 8:00pm at the Masonic widows and orphan home on Frankfort Ave Louisville, Kentucky. This will be the 4th Saturday in June and will only be for our Masonic family and is not open to the public. Their will be food and games, and kids rides, which are fun for all ages, please come by just to say hello and have a great day out with some old friends and maybe make some new ones.

Family night will be June 29th at the lodge hall, we will have food and entertainment, and food will be served beginning at 6:30 pm. The entertainment will be the Fishers of Men. (Starting at 7:30pm.) Hope to see you there.

I would like to take this time to reflect on Brother Don Hill Master of Suburban Lodge 740 F&AM and his family, and pass on my heart felt sympathy to Brother Don Hill's wife and family, if you did not know, Brother Don passed away recently due to an illness and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

We had a difficult task, a decision to make here at Suburban Lodge, and with the help from God and the

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you can serve your Lodge through occasional attendance some Thursday nights. Remember, supper at 6:00 pm and meeting upstairs at 7:30 pm.

God bless each of you and your family.





From the Desk of the Secretary



A Time to Remember...A Man Not Forgotten...But dearly Missed....

He has fallen, yielding up life, Yet holding fast to his Masonic Tenets. Brother James Donald Hill, Master of Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM has entered that House not made by hands but Eternal in the Heavens.

Brother Don as we all knew him received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 1st Day of September, 1979, and was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft on the 3rd Day of November, 1979, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 8th Day of December, 1979 all in Zoneton Lodge # 964 F&AM. He affiliated to Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM on the 16th Day of August 1997.

He was installed as Master December 29, 2005 a moment in his Masonic travels he had long waited for, and worked hard to achieve and was very proud of the members for their support of him in his weaken condition in letting him sit in that Ornamental Chair. Having completed his designs upon his trestle board Brother Don drop the working tools of his busy life and entered that Celestial Lodge above, On the 10th Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord 2006.

He was the Mason among Masons and a Man among Men, a Brother among Brothers but most of all he was a True Friend. A Great Father, and Loving Husband and a Christian at Heart. He is sadly missed by his Wife Sue, and His Children and Many, Many Friends.

I was called upon to perform Brother Don's Masonic Services, and by far it was the hardest one I have had yet to do. I knew Brother Don for about 16 years, we worked side by side for about 15 of those years, he was a very dedicated and faithful employee. Was ways on time, and in 15 years of service Brother Don missed very few days, if he said he was sick, you can bet, he was sick, never used any excuse to take off.

One of the main tenets of our fraternity is taking good men and making them better, Brother Don was an exception to that, I would like to say he took the fraternity and made it better. I glad I got the chance to know him, and I deeply regret that Suburban Lodge not only lost a Master, but a True Mason, a Real Man born that way.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Marshall, Secretary 2006



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members that were present we elected from our Past Masters, Past Master Stan Robinson to stand in for the remaining term of Brother Don Hill, Brother Don has left some rather large shoes to fill and can never be replaced but to keep the lodge on an even keel at a time where leadership is demanding we knew that Brother Stan had shown in his past term that he was up to the task and was elected and installed in the East. We as members of Suburban lodge will assist Brother Stan Robinson with any and all ways to keep this lodge in the direction which the Supreme Architect of the universe has laid out on his trestle board.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Carby Junior Warden





Greetings Brothers and Sisters, I hope that you are enjoying the warmer weather and the blooming trees and flowers. The Hall Association continues to solicit bids for the coming year for lawn care. We will make a decision at the June 6, 2006 Hall Association meeting. We parked cars on Oaks and Derby Day and that money will be earmarked for the maintenance of the parking lot. Thank you to Brother Carl Cox and his crew of workers for a very big job that was very well done. Thank you to those of you that help with the many tasks that have to be performed on a regular basis. We continue to try to improve our facility and I have appointed Brothers Howard Mitchell P.M., Donnie Brown P.M., and Rusty Portman to investigate the cost of adding lights on the parking lot. A motion was passed in lodge to bring the problem of dark spots in the parking lot to our attention. This committee has been hard at work and we will take action on this problem when we get their report.

I want to invite anyone to the hall Association meetings, and they are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Thank you for helping to keep your building clean and safe, and if you know of a problem let us know about it.

Rick Ballinger P.M. President





SUBURBAN SOCIAL CLUB

Brother Howard Mitchell, president of the Social Club has been so very busy with our fish fry and some of the special events that will be held at the fish fry, There will be no article from the Social Club this newsletter.

FISH FRY



Fraternal Order of Police / Masonic Lodge Special Benefit for Officers Curtis Calhoun and Andy Hawkins and their families Friday, June 9th 3 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Suburban Masonic Lodge #740 3901 South 3rd Street

Public Welcome !

368-3161

Dine in or carry out Dinners \$7 (including drink)

Coming Events June - July 2006

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1 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
3 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
5DeMolay Meeting	7:30PM
6 Hall Association Meeting	7:30 PM
8 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
9 FOP Lodge Fund Raiser	Dinner
	3:00PM to9:00PM
10 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
12 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
13 Social Club Meeting	7:00PM
15 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
17 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
19 DeMolay Meeting	7:30 PM
20 Southern Star OES	7:30PM
22 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
24 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00pm
24 MASON DAY AT MAS	SONIC HOME
26 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
27 York Rite Meeting	7:30PM
29 Family Night	6:30 PM

July 2006

1 FISH FRY 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM 3 DeMolay Meeting **4** Hall Association Meeting **6** Lodge Meeting **8 FISH FRY 10** Rainbow Meeting **11** Social Club Meeting **13 Lodge Meeting 15 FISH FRY 17** DeMolay Meeting 18 Eastern Star Meeting **20 Lodge Meeting** 22 FISH FRY 24 Rainbow Meeting **25** York Rite Meeting **27 Lodge Meeting 29 FISH FRY**

August 2006

1 Hall Association Meeting **3 Lodge Meeting 5 FISH FRY** 7 DeMolay Meeting

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3 family generations of Masons: Jan Wilt, Harold Noe & Bryan Henley



Suburban Lodge Officers and installing Grand Officers Stan Robinson installation as Master



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Have you met?





George "Bud" Routon

One of our Past Masters, who has been a fixture around Suburban Lodge for years is Brother George F. Routon (that is before he had moved to Florida). Now that George and his wife Edith have returned to Louisville, he has been spotted sitting on the sidelines on Thursday evenings again.

George took his first breath on June 13, 1924 in the great hamlet of Lebanon Junction, KY. He attended grade school there and graduated from Lebanon Junction High School in May 1943. Since he was in his late teens, and WW II was going on, he passed the test to join the Navy: he was breathing. So guess who came calling: none other than his favorite Uncle Sam. Being the kind of person that George is, he graciously accepted his invitation to join the US Navy.

After his basic training, he served as a Cryptographer until he was released in 1946. After his Navy service, George moved to Louisville. He worked as a sign painter for 31 years at the old Naval Ordinance here in Louisville, having retired in 1982.

George met his wife to be, Edith Carpenter, and they were married in November 1963. He has two sons, Paul and Richard, who are members at Suburban.

George's service here at our Lodge began when he joined in April 1969 and became our Master in 1976. He is a ritualist of the first degree and has a wonderful command of all our ritual work. He has lectured many new Masons during his active years at Suburban.

"Bud", as he is known by many, loves to do craft hobbies, record movies and music and is an avid reader. The Routon's are members of the Cloverleaf Baptist Church in the Shively area. They both are long time members of Southern Star Chapter # 154, Order of the Eastern Star meeting here at Suburban.

George is a devoted Mason, much like his father Clarence, who also belonged to our Lodge. I was personally glad to see him move back to his real home and to return to his Lodge. We need more brothers returning to Suburban, like George, to help support your officers in their trip to the East. George, thank you for your love of your Lodge and for the support you give us.



Family Night June 29th Dinner and Entertainment **"Fishers of Men"** Quartet Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

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Starts at 10:45 Meal will follow services

CLERMONT, KY.





Rich and Creamy Tomato Basil Soup

Cooked tomatoes and tomato juice are pureed with fresh basil leaves in this soup thickened with heavy cream.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 tomatoes peeled, seeded and diced
- 4 cups tomato juice
- 14 leaves fresh basil
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup butter
 - salt and pepper to taste

Prep Time: 10 Minutes Cook Time: 35 Minutes Ready In: 45 Minutes Yields: 4 servings

DIRECTIONS

Place tomatoes and juice in a stock pot over medium heat. Simmer for 30 minutes. Puree the tomato mixture along with the basil leaves, and return the puree to the stock pot. Place the pot over medium heat, and stir in the heavy cream and butter. Season with salt and pepper. Heat, stirring until the butter is melted. Do not boil.





The Assembly has continued to be very busy, and at our meeting on Monday, May 8th, we started preparing the paperwork for Grand Assembly on July 7th, 8th, and 9th, at Executive Inn West. Also during this time, Mom Anne has notified us that these members have received new appointments for this Grand Assembly as follows: Lindsey Reams - Grand Nature; Lauryn Reams - Grand Drill Leader; Candace Mitchell - Grand Rainbow Flag Bearer; Michaela Reams - Grand Representative to Illinois & Australia/Queensland. Donna Harris - Grand Religion, Jana Givens - Grand Representative to Florida & Tennessee, and Mandy Caffee - Grand Jr. Executive Board, have retained their grand appointments.

On Friday, May 12^{th} , the girls had a sleepover to prepare for the Bake Sale on May 13^{th} , and to also have the Pledge Class attend this sleepover for crafts for Mothers' Day, and have fun and games, and lots of pizza. We had a very successful Bake Sale while working at the fish fry on May 13^{th} -in fact, we sold out of our baked goods at 3:00 p.m. that afternoon.

The members had a bit of a problem on May 19th and 20th, as the Grand Officers' Retreat was scheduled in Elizabethtown, and the Relay for Life Cancer Walk was scheduled at Moore High School in Louisville. The Grand Officers and Grand Representatives who were available, Lindsey Reams, Lauryn Reams, Michaela Reams, and Mandy Caffee, along with Aunt Rose went to Elizabethtown. Then Paula Wells and Carolyn Reams, along with Danella Galloway and Mark Galloway, attended the Cancer Walk, which do to inclement weather did not last all night.

At our meeting on Monday, May 22nd, we again discussed the various activities for Grand Assembly, and also reviewed plans for Supreme Assembly in Oklahoma City July 22-26, 2006. At this time, there will not be a bus available to take members from Kentucky, so every Assembly is responsible for its own transportation for any members who can attend Supreme Assembly. Because of job schedules, vacation plans, etc., we are not sure at this time whether we will have anyone from our

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The month of May has been very busy. We have done four Flower talks, attended District twelve's meeting, worked two fish fry's and had a bake sale. We also had a cookout, ritual practice, saw a movie and played basketball. This is what the advisors get when the DeMolay plan their activities.

On May 18th, Dad John Gallai and Nathan Mahaffey received their Fellow Craft Degree. Both of these men were DeMolay at Cherokee. We are very proud that they have made the decision to join Suburban. Thanks to the Lodge members and Officers for making both of them feel welcome.

It looks like June will also be very busy with meetings, fish fry's and a car wash at Fern Creek Wal-Mart on June 24th from 9 to 3. Wal-Mart gives us matching funds up to \$500.00. June 14th through 18th we will attend DeMolay Internationals annual session in Seattle. June 24th is also the Masonic picnic.

In July, Cherokee's Installation of Officers will be Sunday July 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Please consider this your invitation to come out and see these young men installed. Ben Pifer will be installed as Master Councilor and Patrick Foster will be installed as Senior Councilor. Also, we will have three fish fry's, attend Annual Conclave in Jabez July 5th - 9th.

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Assembly attending Supreme Assembly.

We will be working the fish fry on Saturday, May 27th, and then observing the rest of the Memorial Day week-end.

This year, we have 2 of our members who are graduating from high school, Candace Mitchell from South Central High School in Corydon, Indiana, and Laura Carter from Butler High School. We congratulate these girls on their outstanding Senior Years.

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 12^{th} at 7:00 p.m., at which time we will have an Initiation for Tara Paris. You may have heard her name, as she is presently Sweetheart for Cherokee DeMolay. Also, our members are now selling shares on a \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Card at 3 for \$1, and the drawing will be held after our meeting on June 12^{th} .

During the month of June, both the Assembly and the Pledge Class will be making 4th of July tray favors for the Veterans' Hospital. We have done this for several years, and our girls are really creative by making each card a different design.

On Saturday, June 24th, we will be helping at the fish fry. In addition, on Sunday,

June 25th, we have scheduled a time to have the Pledge Class for ice cream treats.

At our meeting on July 10th, the Assembly will be holding elections. On Friday, July 14th, we will have a sleepover, and then have a Bake Sale and help at the fish fry on July 15th. On Sunday, July 16th, Lindsey as Worthy Advisor has planned a trip to Kart Kountry in Shepherdsville. We will again help at the fish fry on July 22nd.

The Installation for Candace Mitchell as Worthy Advisor will be held on Sunday, July 30th, at 2:30 p.m., and we would like for all of the organizations on our corner to come out and attend her Installation.

Star Chapter for all of their continued love and support of our Assembly, and you are invited to attend our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of each month. If you know a girl between the ages of 11 and 20 who would be interested in Rainbow, or of a Pledge Class age of 7 to 11, call Aunt Rose (491-4757), for more information.

In Rainbow Love, Aunt Rose Flamm

We want to thank Suburban Lodge and Southern



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Thanks to all for your support of Cherokee. We could not ask for a better sponsoring body. Come out and visit us the first and third Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Greg Coffey, Chapter Advisor





EDITOR'S NOTE by Jan Wilt

I had to delay the newsletter because of the special elections we held to elect a Mas-

ter to continue out the year for Don Hill who as we know lost recently. I am hoping to get the newsletter back on track and you will have it in your hands by the first of the due month. I have had some problems the past two newsletters, getting everyone together at the same time, and I had some things happen personally that delayed things, and of course this issue because of the special election. I will try to make sure the next issue will be on time.

Suburban 740 Newsletter

Sponsored by Suburban Masonic Lodge #740 F&AM and published bi-monthly. All members and friends are invited to submit items of interest for publication. Please send copy on or <u>prior</u> to the **3rd Thursday** of **January**, **March**, **May**, **July**, **September** and **November** to: Jan Wilt-Editor or email to **jdwilt@insightbb.com**



Masonic Trivia



USA General Thomas Benton, also grand master of Iowa, ordered federal troops to protect Albert Pike's home and prevent the library from being burned, when his troops took Little Rock, AR.

July 2, 1751, Ferdinand VI of Spain issued an edict against Freemasonry. Father Jose Torrubia secured a special dispensation from the Pope, joined a lodge, secured the names of its members, and proceeded to have them arrested. Hundreds were arrested, persecuted, and imprisoned.

When Mussolini gained control of Italy, Masonic lodges were declared illegal and the grand master was arrested, tried, and imprisoned, where he died.

Mussolini also ordered all Masonic references removed, including the emblems on the base of Garibaldi's monument in Rome. After the restoration of the republic, fascist emblems were removed and the Masonic emblems restored.

In Fascist Spain under Franco, it was a crime to be a freemason. Masons convicted had to serve prison terms equal in years to the number of Masonic degrees possessed. Master Mason = 3D 3 years.

Winnedumah Lodge #287 of Bishop, CA holds its meetings at 270 feet below sea level, the lowest lodge in North America.

In 1954 Martin's Station Lodge No. 188 of VA was opened 952 feet below the surface of Cumberland Mountain in Cudjo's Cave, which lies between Cumberland Gap, Tenn. and Middleburo, KY. 345 Masons were present and a MM degree was conferred.

Chicago, IL has three American Legion Posts whose memberships are entirely Masonic.

All four Presidents of the Republic of Texas, David Burnett, Sam Houston, Mirabeau Lamar, and Anson Jones, were masons.

Between 1737 and 1779 two sailing ships of interest operated off the U.S. eastern seaboard, Freemason and Master Mason. The Freemason caught fire and sank in Marblehead Harbor, Mass in 1779.

On November 10, 1928, the grand lodge of California held a special communication at Culver City, to lay the corner stone of the Masonic temple. The lodge room was so crowded that the grand lodge officers were unable to enter. They retired to the Ladies' powder room to open the grand lodge for the ceremony.

In 1801, Czar Alexander I of Russia banned the craft. In 1803 he rescinded the order and became a Freemason. But in 1822 he again ordered Freemasonry banned in Russia.

In May, 1843, a group of representatives from fourteen grand lodges met in Baltimore, MD, with the view of adopting uniform ritual.

The mtg. was presided over by John Dove of VA; Charles W. Moore of Mass prepared the proposed ritual. The convention's work was not generally accepted.

In 1799, Barton Lodge in Upper Canada accepted "good merchantable wheat" in payment of lodge dues.

Lodge St. George in Bermuda has rented an old state house since 1816 from the Governor for the sum of "one peppercorn per year."

Abraham Jones served as Grand Master of Kentucky 1933-34 and grand master of Illinois, 1840-41.

In 1892, the tallest building in the world was the Masonic Temple at Randolph and State Streets, Chicago, IL

Brother William Brockmeier (1866-1947) of St. Louis conducted 5586 Masonic funeral services.

Thomas Jacob Shryock served as grand master of Maryland for 32 years. He died after being elected to serve his 33rd.

The largest Master's chair is in Ophir Lodge #33 Murphys, CA. It is 15 feet long and can seat the Master, living Past Masters, and visiting dignitaries.

On June 7, 1921, Mystic Lodge #21 of Red Bank, NJ conferred half of the MM degree on brother Lyman C. Van when the power went out. He didn't receive the rest of the degree for several weeks, making him for a time, a "two and half degree" mason.

When the great Obelisk of Alexandria (Cleopatra's Needle) was moved to New York in 1880, there were discovered certain emblems on the original foundation and pedestal. One is clearly a square, causing some to conclude that Masonry existed in ancient Egypt. This issue is still open to debate.

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The two structures in the U.S that have elevators which move sideways, in addition to up and down are the Arch in St. Louis and the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria.

The Grand Master of Mass. commanded rebels at Bunker Hill while the grand master of England commanded English forces. The G.M of Mass was killed.

On August 23, 1879, Lodge #239 of France held a meeting in a balloon flying over Paris, at which time a brother was initiated.

On his famous solo flight across the Atlantic, Charles Lindbergh wore a square and compasses on his jacket as a good luck piece. He was a mason.

Richard E. Byrd and his pilot Bernt Balchen, both brothers, dropped Masonic flags over the north and south poles. Brother Balchen also tossed his shrine fez on the South Pole.

Gordon Cooper, in his Mercury capsule, carried a Masonic coin and a blue Masonic flag on his 22 orbit flight, which he later presented to his mother lodge.

Montana's first livestock brand was a square and compasses and is still in use. It was registered by Pointdexter Orr of Beaverhead County, MT in 1872.

Andrew McNair, a Philadelphia Mason, rang the Liberty bell in Independence Hall of July 8, 1776 to call the people together to hearing the reading of the Declaration of Independence. The bell developed a crack when it was rung for the death of Chief Justice Marshall, Past Grand Master of Virginia.

Grand Masters generally have the power to make "masons at sight," which means the Master can do away with the formalities such as filing of petitions, waiting periods, etc. Some famous Masons who were made include: William H. Taft, General George Marshall, and General Douglas Macarthur.

In the 1800's several grand lodges established Masonic colleges. The most successful of which was in Hannibal, MS in 1847. Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Georgia all tried it but all were eventually closed due to lack of support.

Start planning for the Suburban Lodge Picnic this August !



New Fellowcraft



Brian Woodring Receives E.A. Degree



Myra Curry, Jessica Cury & Teresa Whitlow Work the bake sale

Suburban 740 News June — July 2006 ROWLAND'S RAMBLINGS

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I wasn't finished with yesterday, and along came today. Something is out of kilter here. Something has happened to *time*. I can't get everything done that I want to do in a 24-hour day. I thought and thought about it, and the atrophied grey mat-

ter between my ears finally came up with the perfect solution. *Redistribute time*. If an hour had 45 minutes in it instead of 60, there would be 32 hours in a day instead of 24. That would be enough hours for me to get everything done that I want to do in one day. I can't believe nobody ever thought of that before. It's so simple. I can't believe it took me so long to think it up.

I'm going to start a petition to get my time plan into effect. I'll send it to the government, they wouldn't think it was strange. The government has made boo-koo decisions that doesn't make as much sense as my plan to redistribute time does. And I think a lot of people in this hurry-up, go. go, go, world would sign it. I don't hurry-up or go, go, any more. I've been told I'm slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter. To sign my petition, please call the president of my fan club.

Oh, you didn't know I had a *fan club?* Sure I do, and why not? Garfield and Mickey Mouse, a cat and a rat, have fan clubs. Oh sure, they're prettier than I am, but I'm definitely smarter than they are. Elvis Pressley has a fan club, and no way can he shake his hips better than I can. Some people say Elvis is dead. *Not so!* He is a bag boy at Krogers. He put my eggs in the bag under my canned stuff the other day. The bag dripped egg yolk all over his blue suede shoes. I think he should be replaced. He don't know anything about bagging groceries. He ain't nothing but a hound dog.

But back to my fan club. A sweet little gal named Sue Bishoff is the president of my fan club. She said she had to have another phone line and an 800 number installed to handle all the applicants for membership. She says applications are coming in so fast she can't get an exact count of the number of members in my fan club, but she says it's somewhere between four and four thousand. If I knew it was more than *four* I would sell franchises.

While surfing the internet the other day I found some really stupid state laws that are still on the books. And Kentucky is near the top of the list. Did you know

by JOE ROWLAND P.M.

that in Lexington it's illegal to transport an ice cream cone in your pocket? And anyone who's been drinking is sober until he or she "cannot hold on to the *ground*?" In Owensboro, a woman cannot buy a hat without her husband's permission. In Louisville, you can't fish in the Ohio river from the bank on the Louisville side without an *Indiana* fishing license. And you can't fish *anywhere* in Kentucky with a bow and arrow. I guess that would require a *hunting* license from Ohio. (In Ohio you aren't allowed to get a fish drunk.) It's also a law in Kentucky that every citizen is required to take a shower once a year. We could probably bath in the Ohio river if we had an Indiana fishing license.

In Indiana, you aren't allowed to take a bath between the months of October and March. But I guess that one is O.K. They probably don't smell too bad during the cold winter months anyway. You can also get out of paying for a dependant's medical care by praying for him or her. And state officials who engage in private duels will be dismissed from their posts. I personally think dueling by politicians *should* be allowed – even encouraged. Let them knock each other off. I think most of them are crooks anyway. In Elkhart it's forbidden for barbers to threaten to cut off kids ears. In South Bend it's illegal to make a monkey smoke a cigarette. (Is a *cigar* O.K.?)

In New York, the penalty for jumping off a building is death. In Iowa, you may shoot Native Americans if more than five of them are on your property at any one time.

I don't understand stupid laws. Of course there's a lot of other things I don't understand too. How come you never hear *father-in-law* jokes? And how do those dead bugs get inside those closed light bulbs? Is there ever a day when mattresses *aren't* on sale? Why do people believe you when you tell there are four billion stars in the universe, and check to see if you tell them the paint is wet? Stupid, stupid. And if people evolved from apes why are there still apes? I've been trying to figure that one out since Hector was a pup.

And how about this: The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some form of mental illness. Now think of your three best friends ---- if they are all O.K. then it's you!

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here, let's dance. And don't forget to call the president of my fan club. Her number is 555-CALLSUE.

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Southern Star Ray OES Newsletter Worthy Matron Speaks Out!

Well summer is almost here and boy has it been hot. I hope that everyone is having a great time. In the last 3 months here at chapter we have been very busy. We have had some initiations, parties and just plain fun.

In March, we had our line officer and friendship meeting. I was glad to have Joan Smith, Worthy Grand Matron as one of my guests. Joan is such a wonderful person, always making you feel at ease with what is going on. We also had very beautiful line officer lines as well. Rick and I had a great time.

April was quite busy, as we helped with the relay for life walk. I do want to take this opportunity to let you all know what a GREAT job that Jessica Curry did on this event. She along with several others, put in a LOT of TIME and EFFORT on this. If you were not able to come out and support us at the walk, I'm sure that Jessica can still take donations. We walked for several hours. I do know that Jessica and Myra was there for the duration of the event. Thanks again.

May has come, and almost gone. We have had an election and will be having an initiation in July. As June comes, some of you will be going on the Worthy Matrons trip to New York. I (Continued on page 15, see "hope") We did not have a meeting in May because of Relay for Life, which started that Friday night.

Everyone is invited to attend our meetings, which is Friday night following our Chapter meeting at 6:30 PM, we have been having a good crowd and we hope you can come out and join us. Everyone brings a covered dish and all the food is delicious.

We come together with friends and the fellowship is GREAT. We have our new members attending and if you have not been to Chapter for a while you should come out and meet them.

Again we hope to see you at Social Club

Myra Curry President









SUMMER IS HERE. I hope everyone will come out and join us at Chapter. Rosie has held true to her promise that we will have a good time. Everyone that comes to a meeting is going to laugh most of the night. I know I have. Rosie keep up the good work.

There is a bake sale scheduled of July 22 you can bring any baked goods to Social Club on the Friday night before or you can bring it to the lodge that Saturday morning. Please feel free to come out and set at the table with me, I would enjoy the company. The last bake sale was a success, and hopefully this one will do just as good.

Come out and join us on the 3rd Tuesday night of each month for our meeting.

Myra Curry Conductress



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Southern Star – In Memoriam

Mollie E. Williams – March 20, 2006

Sister Mollie was initiated into Louisville Chapter on June 24, 1955 and affiliated with Southern Star on May 16, 1989. She remained a dedicated member of the Order until her death.

Cleota S. Von Sick – March 28, 2006

Sister Cleota was initiated into June 24, 1965 where she was a faithful member for more than 40 years.

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hope that all of you have a great time.

If you haven't had the chance to go by the fish stand, I'm sure that they could use some of our help. I know I need to get by there myself. I have great memories of working in the fish stand during my Rainbow years, that I do like working there now.

Well, I will close for now, but I do wish all of you could come be with us in June, as some of our members will be gone on the trip. I promise, that we will all have a great time and will laugh at least one time.

In Star Love

Rosie



DUES

Our Chapter dues are \$23.90 again this year. It is time to remit your dues for 2006. Please mail them to me at: 4305 Gaudet Road; Louisville KY 40299. If you are not current in your dues (you should have a yellow dues card for 2005), please mail them to me along with your 2006 dues.

If you have received a certified letter from me, you are almost 2 years in arrears with your dues. If there is a problem paying your dues, please let me know and we will try to work something out. We do not want to lose you as a member if



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